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PATTERSON RECEIVES ROTC AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Jason Patterson, son of Michael and Sharon Patterson of Roodhouse, was honored at Eastern Illinois University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corp (ROTC) Commissioning and Awards Ceremony April 27.

Patterson received an ROTC Color Guard Award for his participation in conducting ROTC Color Guard events.

Established in 1980, EIU's ROTC program offers students, majoring in any field of study that EIU offers, the opportunity to participate in a leadership development program which culminates in a commission (if offered) as an officer in the United States Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard.

EIU's ROTC program is under the direction of Lt. Col. David Sims, Jr., chair of the department of military science.

A 1988 graduate of North Greene High School in White Hall, Patterson is a senior technology education major.

Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a

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teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.